

The exam's answer

Question No. 1

(16 marks)

- (a) Let A and B be events with $P(A)=3/8$, $P(B)=5/8$ and $P(A \cup B)=3/4$. Find $P(A/B)$ and $P(B/A)$.

The answer:

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cup B)$$

$$= \frac{3}{8} + \frac{5}{8} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P(A/B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = \frac{1/4}{5/8} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$P(B/A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} = \frac{1/4}{3/8} = \frac{2}{3}$$

- (b) A box contains 7 red marbles and 3 white marbles. Three marbles are drawn from the box one after the other. Find the probability that the first two are red and the third is white.

The answer:

The Probability that the first marble is red = $P(E1)=7/10$

The Probability that the second marble is red = $P(E2)=6/9$

The Probability that the third marble is white = $P(E3)=3/8$

$$P(E) = P(E1).P(E2).P(E3) \\ = (7/10).(6/9).(3/8) = 7/40 = 0.175$$

- (c) In a certain collage, 25% of the students failed mathematics, 15% of the students failed chemistry and 10% of the students failed both. A student is selected at random:

- If he failed chemistry, what is the probability that he failed mathematics?
- If he failed mathematics, what is the probability that he failed chemistry?
- What is the probability that he failed mathematics or chemistry?

The answer:

E1: Students failed in mathematics

E2: Students failed in chemistry

E3: Students failed in Both

$$P(E1)=0.25$$

$$P(E2)=0.15$$

$$P(E3)=P(E1 \cap E2)=0.1$$

$$i) P(E1|E2)=P(E1 \cap E2)/P(E2)=0.1/0.15=2/3$$

$$ii) P(E2|E1)=P(E2 \cap E1)/P(E1)=0.1/0.25=2/5$$

$$iii) P(E1 \cup E2)=P(E1)+P(E2)-P(E1 \cap E2)=0.25+0.15-0.1=0.3$$

Question No. 2

(18 marks)

- (a) Medical research has shown that a certain type of chemotherapy is successful 70% of the time when used to treat skin cancer. Suppose five skin cancer patients are treated with this type of chemotherapy and let x equal the number of successful cures out of the five. The probability distribution of x is given in the following table:

X	0	1	2	3	4	5
P(x)	0.002	0.029	0.132	0.309	0.360	0.168

- a) Find $\mu = E(x)$. Interpret the result.

The answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu = E(x) &= \sum x p(x) \\ &= 0*0.002 + 1*0.029 + 2*0.132 + 3*0.309 + 4*0.360 + 5*0.168 \\ &= 3.5\end{aligned}$$

- b) Find $\sigma = \sqrt{E(x - \mu)^2}$. Interpret the result.

The answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta &= \sqrt{E(x - \mu)^2} \\ \delta^2 &= E(x - \mu)^2 = E(x^2) - \mu^2 \\ E(x^2) &= \sum x^2 p(x) \\ &= 0^2*0.002 + 1^2*0.029 + 2^2*0.132 + 3^2*0.309 + 4^2*0.360 + 5^2*0.168 \\ &= 13.298 \\ \delta^2 &= E(x^2) - \mu^2 = 13.298 - (3.5)^2 = 13.298 - 12.25 = 1.05 \\ \delta &= 1.02\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Prove that for any random variable x :

a) $E(ax + b) = a E(x) + b$

The answer:

$$\begin{aligned}E(ax+b) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (ax+b)p(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ax p(x)dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} b p(x)dx \\ &= a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x)dx + b \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x)dx = aE(x) + b = \text{R.H.S.}\end{aligned}$$

b) $V(ax + b) = a^2 V(x)$

The answer:

$$\begin{aligned}V(ax+b) &= E[(ax+b) - E(ax+b)]^2 = E[ax+b - aE(x) + b]^2 = \\ &= E[ax - aE(x)]^2 = a^2 E[x - \mu]^2 = a^2 V(x) = \text{R.H.S.}\end{aligned}$$

(c) Let x be a continuous random variable with density:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} K(2-x) & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Evaluate K and find the cumulative distribution function.

The answer:

$\because F(x)$ is a density function

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^2 K(2-x) dx = 1$$

$$K \left(2x - \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^2 = 1$$

$$K \left(4 - \frac{4}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\therefore 2K = 1$$

$$\therefore K = \frac{1}{2}$$

The cumulative distribution function:

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

$$\because K = \frac{1}{2}$$

Then

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (2-x)/2 & , 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 1 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

$$-\infty \leq x \leq 0 \quad f(x)=0 \quad F(x)=0$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2 \quad f(x) = \frac{2-x}{2} \quad F(x) = F(0) + \int_0^x \frac{2-x}{2} dx = x - \frac{x^2}{4}$$

$$2 \leq x \leq \infty \quad f(x)=0 \quad F(x) = F(2) + 0 = 1$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , -\infty \leq x \leq 0 \\ \left(x - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) & , 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 1 & , x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Question No. 3

(18 marks)

- (a) A fair die is tossed. Let X denote twice the number appearing, and let Y denote 1 or 4 according as an odd or an even number appears. Find the probability, expectation, variance and standard deviation of:

i) X **The answer:** X is twice no appearing

$$x \mid 1=2, x \mid 2=4, x \mid 3=6, x \mid 4=8, x \mid 5=10, x \mid 6=12$$

distribution

x	2	4	6	8	10	12
$P(x)$	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6

$$\mu = 2/6 + 4/6 + 6/6 + 8/6 + 10/6 + 12/6 = 7$$

$$E(x^2) = 4/6 + 16/6 + 36/6 + 64/6 + 100/6 + 144/6 = 60.7$$

$$\text{Var} = E(x^2) - \mu^2 = 11.7$$

$$S.D. = 3.4$$

ii) Y **The answer:**

$$y \mid 1=y \mid 3=y \mid 5=1, y \mid 2=y \mid 4=y \mid 6=4$$

$$p(y=1) = p(\{1, 3, 5\}) = 1/2$$

$$p(y=4) = p(\{2, 4, 6\}) = 1/2$$

y	1	4
$P(y)$	1/2	1/2

$$\mu = 1/2 + 4/2 = 2.5$$

$$E(y^2) = 1/2 + 16/2 = 8.5$$

$$\text{Var}(y) = 8.5 - (2.5)^2 = 2.25$$

$$S.D. = 1.5$$

iii) $X+Y$ **The answer:**

$$x+y \mid 1=3, x+y \mid 2=8, x+y \mid 3=7, x+y \mid 4=12, x+y \mid 5=11, x+y \mid 6=16$$

$x+y$	3	7	8	11	12	16
$P(x+y)$	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6

$$\mu = 3/6 + 7/6 + 8/6 + 11/6 + 12/6 + 16/6 = 9.5$$

$$E(x+y)^2 = 9/6 + 49/6 + 64/6 + 122/6 + 144/6 + 256/6 = 107.166$$

$$\text{Var}(x+y) = 107.166 - (9.5)^2 = 16.912$$

$$S.D. = 4.11$$

iv) XY **The answer:**

$$xy \mid 1=2, xy \mid 2=16, xy \mid 3=6, xy \mid 4=32, xy \mid 5=10, xy \mid 6=48$$

xy	2	6	10	16	32	48
$P(xy)$	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6

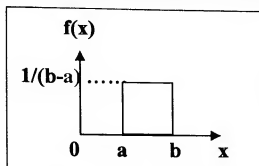
$$E(xy) = 2/6 + 6/6 + 10/6 + 16/6 + 32/6 + 48/6 = 19$$

$$E(xy^2) = 4/6 + 36/6 + 100/6 + 256/6 + 1024/6 + 2304/6 = 620.66$$

$$\text{Var}(xy) = 620.66 - (19)^2 = 259.66$$

$$S.D. = 16.114$$

(b) For the uniform distribution shown in the following figure,



prove that:

a) Mean = $(b+a)/2$

The answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot p(x) \cdot dx \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot x \cdot dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \cdot [b^2 - a^2] = \frac{(b-a) \cdot (b+a)}{2 \cdot (b-a)} = \frac{b+a}{2} \end{aligned}$$

b) Variance = $(b-a)^2/12$

The answer:

$$\begin{aligned} E(x^2) &= \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \right) \cdot x^2 \cdot dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot (b-a)} \cdot (b^3 - a^3) \\ &= \frac{1}{3 \cdot (b-a)} \cdot (b-a) \cdot (b^2 + ab + a^2) \\ \text{var} &= \frac{(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{3} - \frac{(b+a)^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{4(b^2 + ab + a^2)}{12} - \frac{3(b^2 + 2ab + a^2)}{12} = \frac{(b^2 - 2ab + a^2)}{12} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \end{aligned}$$

(c) A family has 6 children. Find the probability P that there are:

i. 3 boys and 3 girls.

The answer:

$$P(x) = \binom{n}{x} (p)^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

$$P(6,3,1/2) = \binom{6}{3} (1/2)^3 (1-1/2)^{6-3}$$

$$P(6,3,1/2) = (20) \cdot (1/8) \cdot (1/8) = 5/16 = 0.3125$$

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ii. Fewer boys than girls.

The answer:

$$P(0 \text{ boys}) + P(1 \text{ boy}) + P(2 \text{ boys}) =$$

$$(1/2)^6 + \binom{6}{1} (1/2)^5 + \binom{6}{2} (1/2)^2 (1/2)^4 = 11/32 = 0.3437$$

Question No. 4

(18 marks)

(a) Let X be a random variable with the standard normal distribution Φ . Find:

i. $P(0 \leq X \leq 1.24)$

The answer:

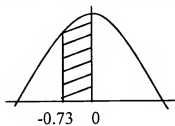
$P(0 \leq X \leq 1.24)$ is equal to the area under the standard normal curve between 0 and 1.24. by using the attached table $P(0 \leq X \leq 1.24) = 0.3925$



ii. $P(-0.73 \leq X \leq 0)$

The answer:

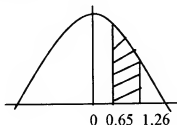
$$P(-0.73 \leq X \leq 0) = P(0 \leq X \leq 0.73) = 0.2673$$



i. $P(0.65 \leq X \leq 1.26)$

The answer:

$$\begin{aligned} P(0.65 \leq X \leq 1.26) &= P(0 \leq X \leq 1.26) - P(0 \leq X \leq 0.65) \\ &= 0.3962 - 0.2422 = 0.1540 \end{aligned}$$



- (b) The mean and standard deviation on an examination are 74 and 12 respectively. Find the scores in standard units of students receiving marks:

i) 65

The answer:

$$t = (x - \mu) / \sigma = (65 - 74) / 12 = -0.75$$

ii) 74

The answer:

$$t = (x - \mu) / \sigma = (74 - 74) / 12 = 0$$

iii) 86

The answer:

$$t = (x - \mu) / \sigma = (86 - 74) / 12 = 1$$

iv) 92

The answer:

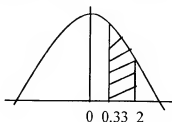
$$t = (x - \mu) / \sigma = (92 - 74) / 12 = 1.5$$

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- (c) Suppose the temperature during June is normally distributed with mean 20°C and standard deviation 3.33 deg. Find the probability P that the temperature is between 21.11°C and 26.66°C .

The answer:

$$21.11^{\circ}\text{C in standard units} = (21.11 - 20) / 3.33 = 0.33$$

$$26.66^{\circ}\text{C in standard units} = (26.66 - 20) / 3.33 = 2$$



Then

$$P = P(26.66 \leq T \leq 21.11)$$

$$= P(0 \leq T^* \leq 2) - P(0 \leq T^* \leq 0.33)$$

$$= 0.4772 - 0.1293 = 0.3479$$

Best wishes